

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Tanbark Mill Ruins (site)

AND/OR COMMON

Ruins - houses once in Stafford Village

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER Stafford Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF Stafford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☒ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☒ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #: 267-5656

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code  
21401**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 737

Folio #: 248

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The site has been filled in and levelled off by the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks. There had once been some stone foundations on the site that were said to be a tanbark mill.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was another of the series of industries that resided along this portion of Deer Creek. Several of the buildings and facilities were probably converted from the processing of one material to another as needs changed. This tanbark mill was located close to Herman Stump's and E. M. Allen's cartel of gristmills, bone mills and iron furnaces, though it probably predated the other concerns as far as date of operation. It stood about one-fourth of one mile above the flint mill near the Rock Forge. It was operated by Gideon Smith in 1845 and operated into the 1850's. Like most of the industries, it succumbed to the changes in demand for certain products.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Land Records  
 Mason, Samuel; Historical Sketches of Harford County, 1955, Intelligencer Press,  
 Lancaster, Pa.  
 Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French Bray, Baltimore.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

43.16

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The property is located just north of Stafford Road, northeast of the Stafford Bridge. It is bounded on the northwest by the Triple A Farm, on the southeast by Deer Creek and on the south by Stafford Road.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland State Historical Trust

DATE

May 17, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK PROPERTY

Iron Furnace and Tanbark Mill at Stafford

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	736	248	In 1967, the Maryland Department of Forests and Parks acquired a tract of 43.16 acres from the Credential Investment Corporation.
GRG	616	153	In 1963, Elizabeth E. Flannery sold a number of parcels of land to the Credential Investment Corporation, including one tract located on Deer Creek near Stafford of 198 acres, 33perches.
GRG	221	483	1. Ruth E. Westerblad sold the tract to Burt V. Flannery in 1932. There was included a parcel of 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres and 33 perches near the Stafford Bridge
JM	145	43	In 1914, Edward M. Allen sold this parcel of 16 acres, two roods and 33 perches to Carl G. Westerblad.
WSP	115	224	In 1905, Ellis J. Tucker sold the parcel to Edward M. Allen.
Will BHH	8	283	Hannah Stump willed the property to Ellis J. Tucker in 1872.
HD	18	220	In 1835, Henry C. Stump conveyed the property to Samuel Stump. The land had been willed to Henry by his father, William Stump, it being a portion of the tract called Mt. Yeo or Rigbie's Hope and measuring 139 acres, more or less.
JLG	N	141	In 1796, Henry Stump sold 144 acres to William Stump. The deed retained Henry's rights of use of the mill race and the dam.
JLG	N	137	Henry Stump sold Henry Stump, Jr. a thirty acre section of Mt. Yeo or Rigbie's Hope in 1796.
JLG	N	135	In 1796, John Stump, Jr., sold Henry Stump a 175 acre tract which was part of Rigbie's Hope or Mt. Yeo. The deed mentions John's rights of use of the mill race and the dam.
JLG	G	281	In 1786, Isaac Webster, executor of the last will of Nathan Rigbie, sold a 230 acre portion of Mt. Yeo or Rigbie's Hope to John Stump, Jr.
OCR	259	241	2. In 1940, Edmund Snodgrass, treasurer, sold Burt V. Flannery eight acres, more or less, at a public auction. Fred R. Williams, the previous owner, had lost the property in 1937.
Am	66	163	John C. Forwood sold the parcel to William L. Cooley and Fred R. Williams in 1890.

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In 1887, Catherine Smithson sold John S. Forwood the Mill Lot or Jake's Lot, consisting of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  acres, 14 perches. The land had been entrusted to her by Herman Stump.

Will  
WSR    9    299

In 1881, Herman Stump left the property to Catherine Cassandra Smithson.

Previous references to this tract are found on the Creel sheet, which discusses Stafford Mills and other Herman Stump lands.

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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE

